

## **HOUSING PLAN QUESTIONS**

As a new housing plan for Framingham is developed many factors must be considered. The following questions are an initial list of issues that could be incorporated into the discussion. Please review them and add any others that you feel are pertinent to the process.

### **FRAMINGHAM'S IMAGE**

- What is your image of Framingham and what is that based upon?
- How do you think others perceive Framingham and what do you believe their image is based upon?
- What regional towns do you think we should compare Framingham to?  
Demographically? Economically?
- What towns do you believe others compare us to?

### **HOUSING SUPPLY**

- Do we have a good mix of housing types (single family, apartments, multi-family, etc.)?
- Do we have a good mix of price ranges?
- Do we have an appropriate mix in location of housing types?
- What are the risks/concerns about increasing and diversifying our housing stock?
- What do we gain or lose?

### **HOUSING DEMAND**

- What factors should we look at when deciding the mix?
- Should we look at tenant needs? Landlord needs? Owner needs?
- How much should we focus on long time residents? On short term residents?
- On new comers? On young? On old?

### **GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITY**

- What's the responsibility of local government regarding housing?
- What are your top five concerns in planning housing?
- What would your wish list for housing be?
- What's the relationship between housing and open space?

### **GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

- What town services do you see being affected by various housing types?
- What are the fiscal, environmental, and transportation implications?

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

- Do you think Framingham has too little, too much, or the right amount of affordable housing?
- What does "affordable" mean to you?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of affordable housing?
- How would you describe affordable housing?
- How would you measure "affordable"?
- Who do you think needs affordable housing?
- What is your definition of "need"?
- Where do you believe our affordable housing is located?
- Where do you believe our affordable housing should be located?
- What do you believe affordable housing looks like?
- If we were to add affordable housing, where should it be added?
- What words seem problematic when discussing affordable housing?
- What words are appropriate?